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Disruption of Life

Disasters can happen anytime and anywhere with no notice or days of notice.

- Hurricanes
- Power outages
- Flooding
- Wildfires
- Snowstorms
- Windstorms/Tornados
- Tsunami
- Pandemic
- Explosion

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Exceeding local capability and disaster declarations

The [Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act](#), 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act) §401 states in part that: "All requests for a declaration by the President that a major disaster exists shall be made by the Governor of the affected State." Federally recognized Indian tribal governments now have the option of pursuing a declaration directly from the President.

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USDA FNS Programs and Services

- 15 Nutrition Assistance Programs
- Serving 1 in 4 Americans each year
- \$>80 Billion dollars

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FNS National Office & 7 Regional Offices

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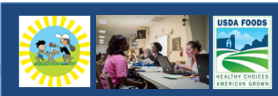
How FNS Programs Operate

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Primary Types of USDA Disaster Assistance

- Using USDA Foods for Emergency Feeding
- Administrative waivers/flexibilities requested by States
- Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)
- Approve Infant Food and Formula Requests



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USDA Foods Available

Institutional (NSLP)

FRESH: (as available)
Fruits and/or vegetables

PROTEIN OPTIONS:
Beef Crumbles
Chicken Fajita Strips
Turkey Taco Filling
Deli Turkey Breast
Diced Chicken
Diced/Sliced Ham
Cheese (shredded/sliced)



USDA FOODS
HEALTHY CHOICES
AMERICAN GROWN

Household (TEFAP, FDPIR, CSFP)

CANNED JUICE:
Orange, Apple, Grapefruit

DAIRY OPTIONS:
Dried Egg Mix
UHT Fluid Milk

PROTEIN OPTIONS:
Canned Chili w/o Beans
Canned Beef Stee
Canned/Pouch Chicken

GRAINS:
Cereal
Macaroni & Cheese

All Programs

CANNED FRUIT:
Peaches, Applesauce, Slice Apples
Orange Juice

CANNED VEGETABLES:
Corn, Peas, Green Beans,
Spaghetti Sauce, Vegetarian Beans

PROTEIN OPTIONS:
Peanut Butter
Canned Pork
Frozen Cut-up Chicken

GRAINS:
Rice, Flour, Pasta

*Infant Formula/Food (Special Purchase for Disasters)

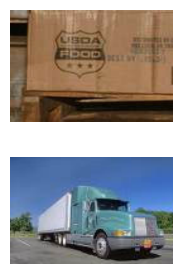
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USDA Foods' Role in Disaster Response

- Foods are released by State Agency to Voluntary Organizations for mass feeding
- Disaster Household Distribution (DHD)
- Inventory dependent on time of year and regular program demands
- Food is usually replaced by USDA to state



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During a Presidentially Declared Disaster

Using USDA Foods for Emergency Feeding

State Agencies have the authority to use USDA Foods from nutrition assistance program inventories for **congregate feeding:**

- ✓ **Child Nutrition Programs**
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Food Distr. Programs on Indian Reservations
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program

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Presidentially Declared Disaster Household

Using USDA Foods for Emergency Feeding

State Distributing Agencies (SDAs) must request permission to use USDA Foods for **household distribution:**

- Child Nutrition Programs (CNP)
- ✓ **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**
- ✓ **Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)**
- ✓ **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**

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Administrative waivers/flexibilities requested by States (examples)

- Same location for multiple schools
- All school and emergency shelter meals at free rate
- Missing meal 'components'
- WIC substitutions: liquid formula for powdered; shelf stable milk or juice, etc.
- SNAP hot food purchases


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Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP)

- D-SNAP is similar yet distinct from 'regular' SNAP;
- Temporary eligibility standards for disaster survivors;
- Typically, eligible households receive 1 month of benefits issued via an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to purchase food at most grocery stores.



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D-SNAP Authority, Approval and Eligibility

- Operations approved when an area has received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance (IA).
- States request approval to operate; FNS approves operations for a limited period, typically 7 days.
- Recipients must reside in the disaster area, have experienced adverse effects due to the disaster, and meet income limits.

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Infant Food and Formula Requests

- After FEMA resources are exhausted.
- States coordinate with FEMA to request Infant Formula and Food from FNS.

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USDA FNS Response to COVID

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus>

- Flexibilities in operations
 - meal pick ups, delivery
- Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)
- SNAP online purchases
- Tribes, WIC, food banks

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USDA FNS Disaster Nutrition Assistance Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dA-Nx_v4b8A

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FNS Resilience and Recovery Tool



| Underserved Populations | Potential Issues | Solutions |
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| Children eligible for free and reduced priced meals | May not have 3 days of food at home per ready.gov | Inform NVOADS to ensure disaster feeding starts early in these areas |
| No internet access | May not be aware of nutrition assistance benefits | Partner with local groups to spread messages |
| No vehicle access | May not be able to evacuate | Ensure shelters include enough meals |

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